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SUBJECT: ITALY YES ON KOSOVO IMF AND WORLD BANK MEMBERSHIP

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(C) Per reftel instructions, Charge on April 15 raised subject demarche with Vittorio Grilli, Director General of the Treasury, the number two official at the Ministry of Economics and Finance. Grilli said the GOI fully supports Kosovo's membership bid in both organizations, consistent with the Italian government's recognition of Kosovo as a sovereign independent state. Italy will make its voice heard through the written procedure described in reftel. Post will follow up with appropriate officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to urge them to instruct their diplomats abroad to lobby their respective host governments.
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